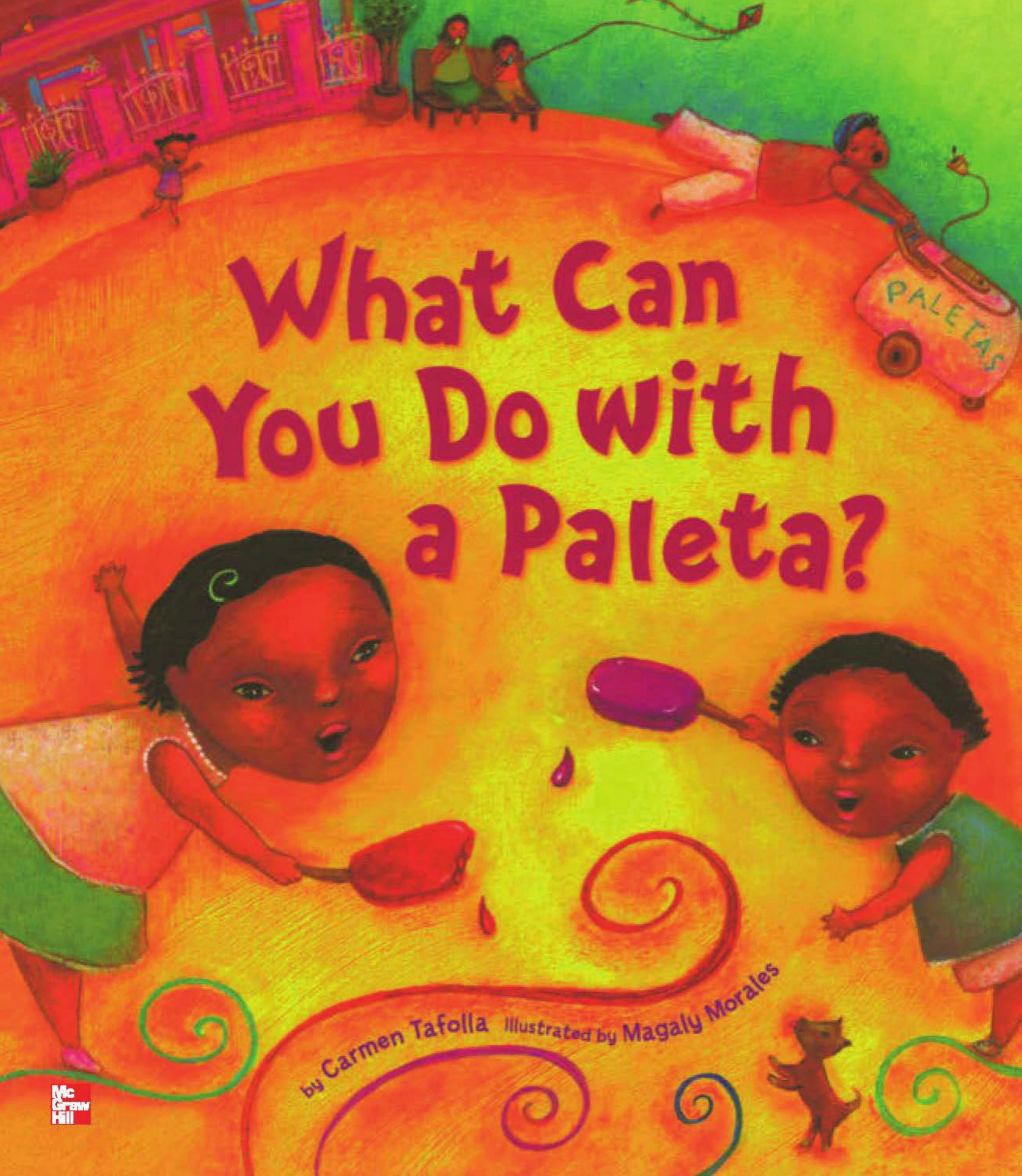


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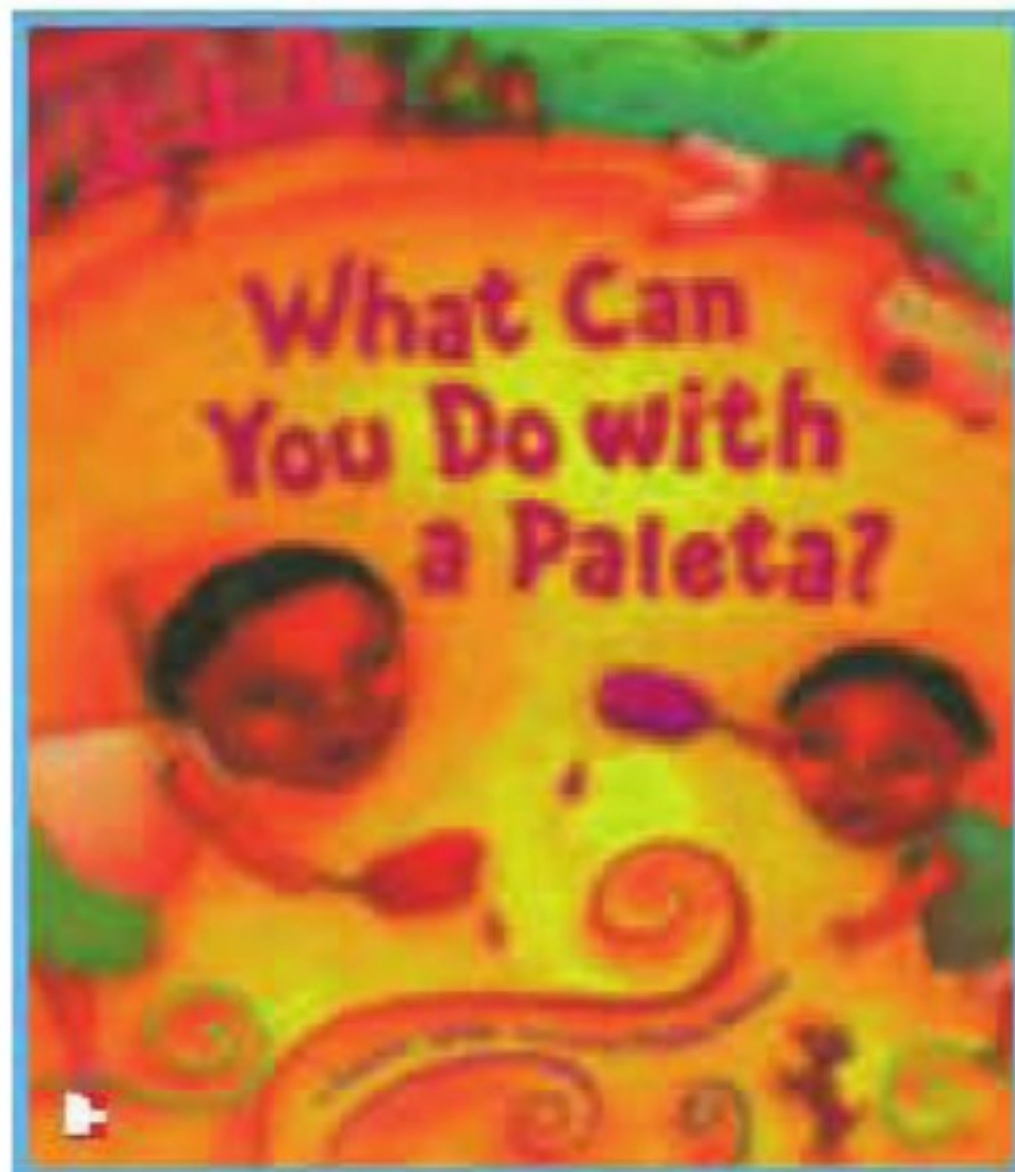
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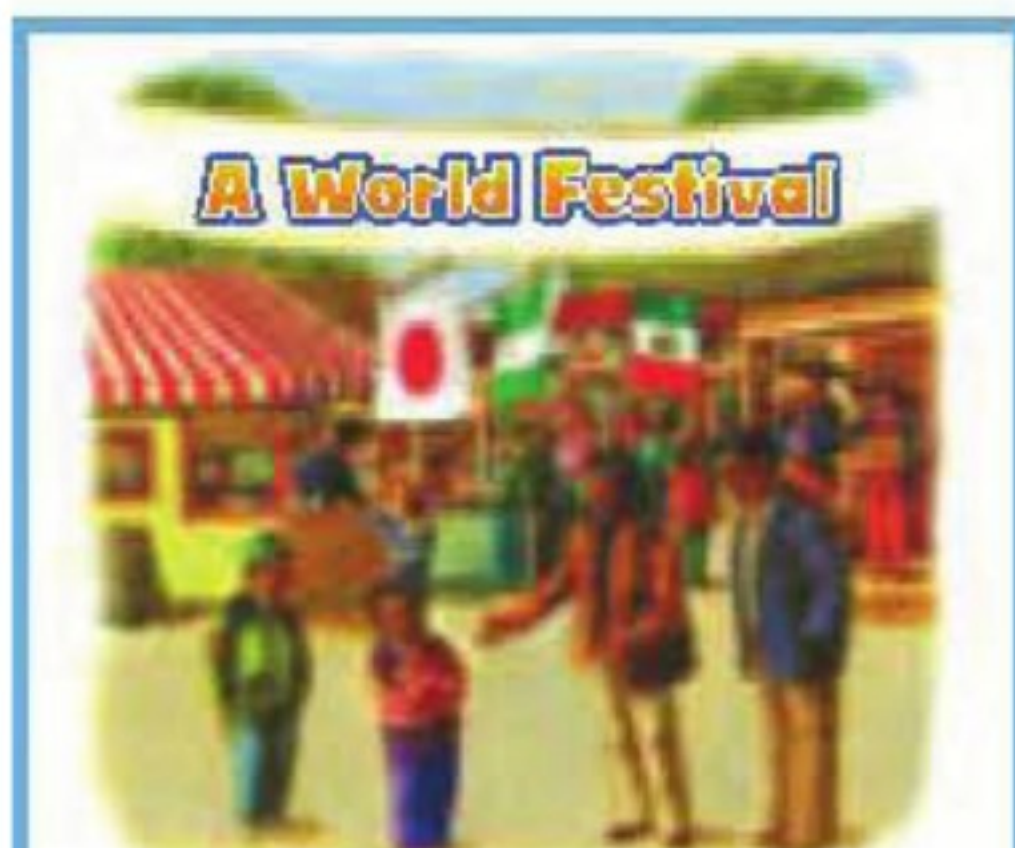
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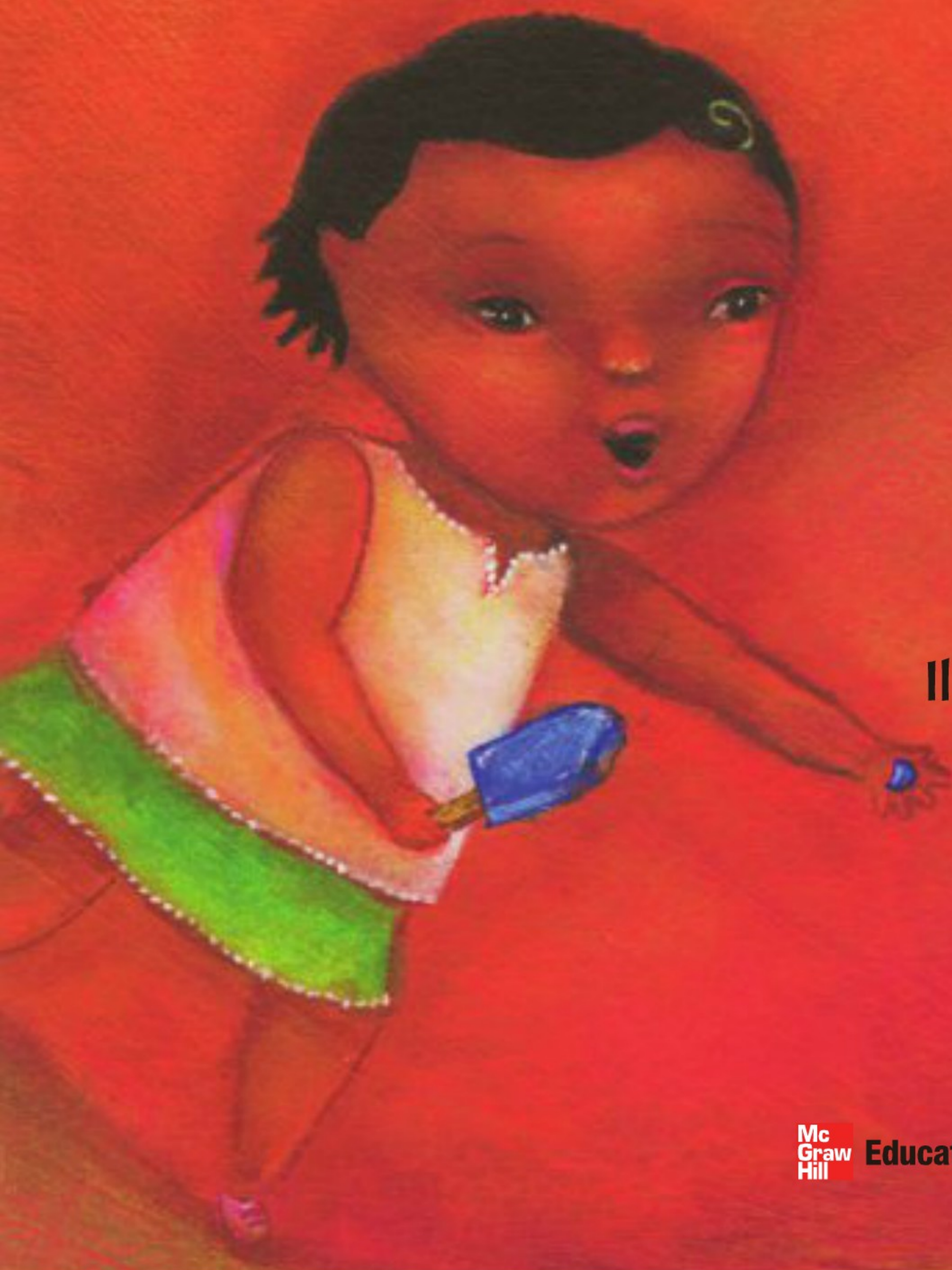


For my mother, Marie Duarte Tafolla,
for all the paletas she gave me,
and for all that she still gives my children.
—C.T.

To my parents, Eligio and Eloína,
whose infinite love is among
the most delicious flavors of life.
I love them with all my colors!
—M.M.



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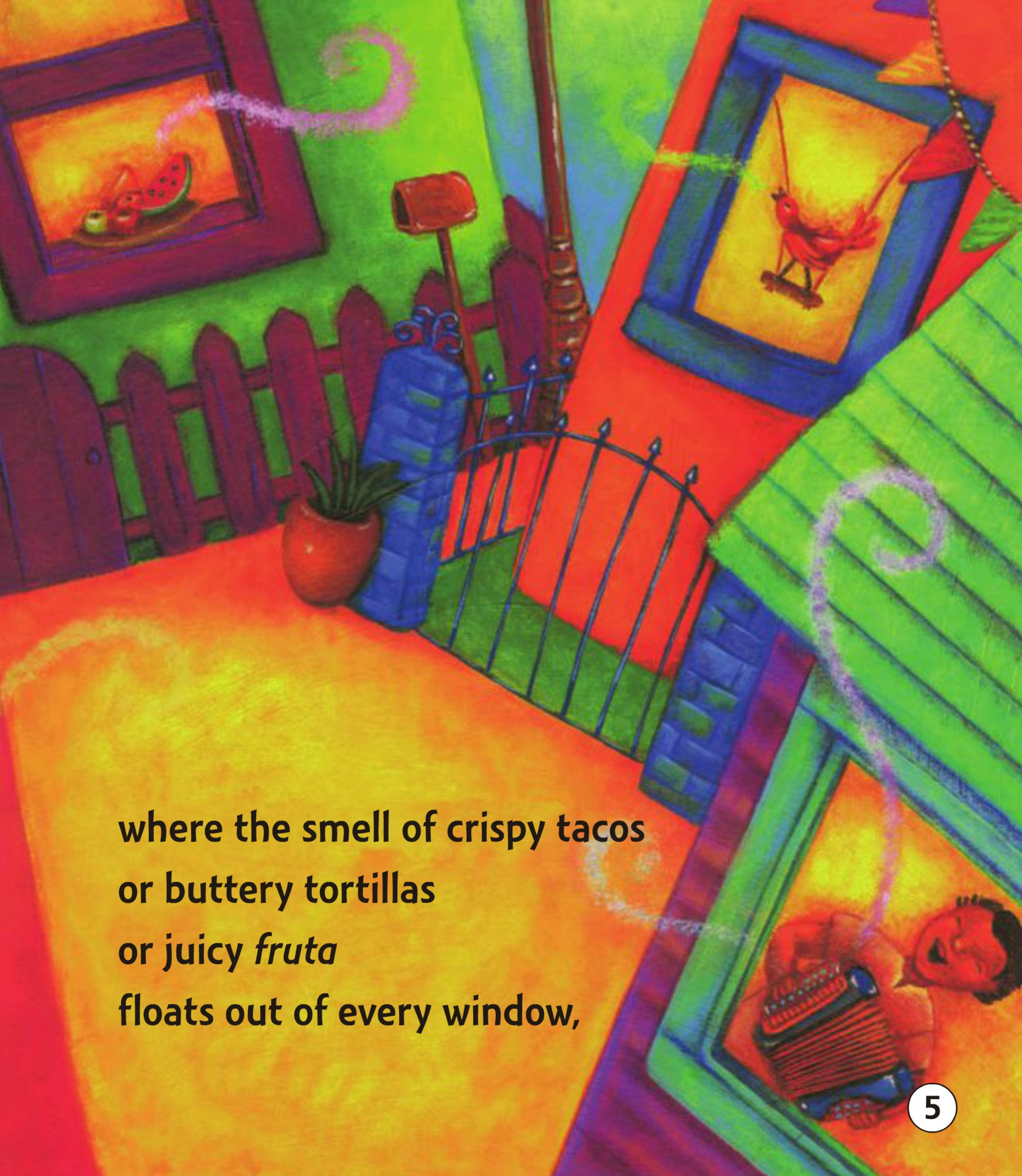


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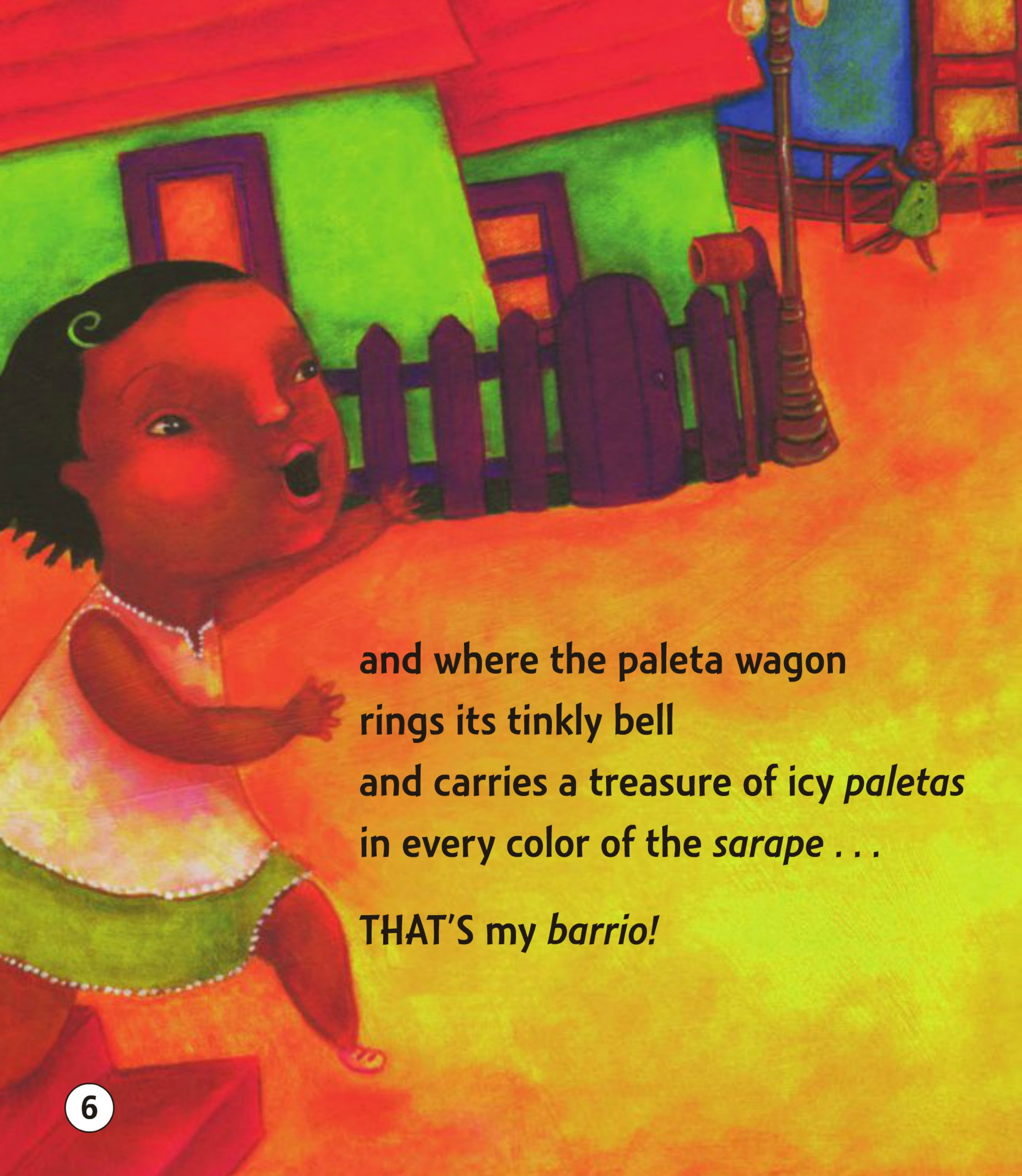
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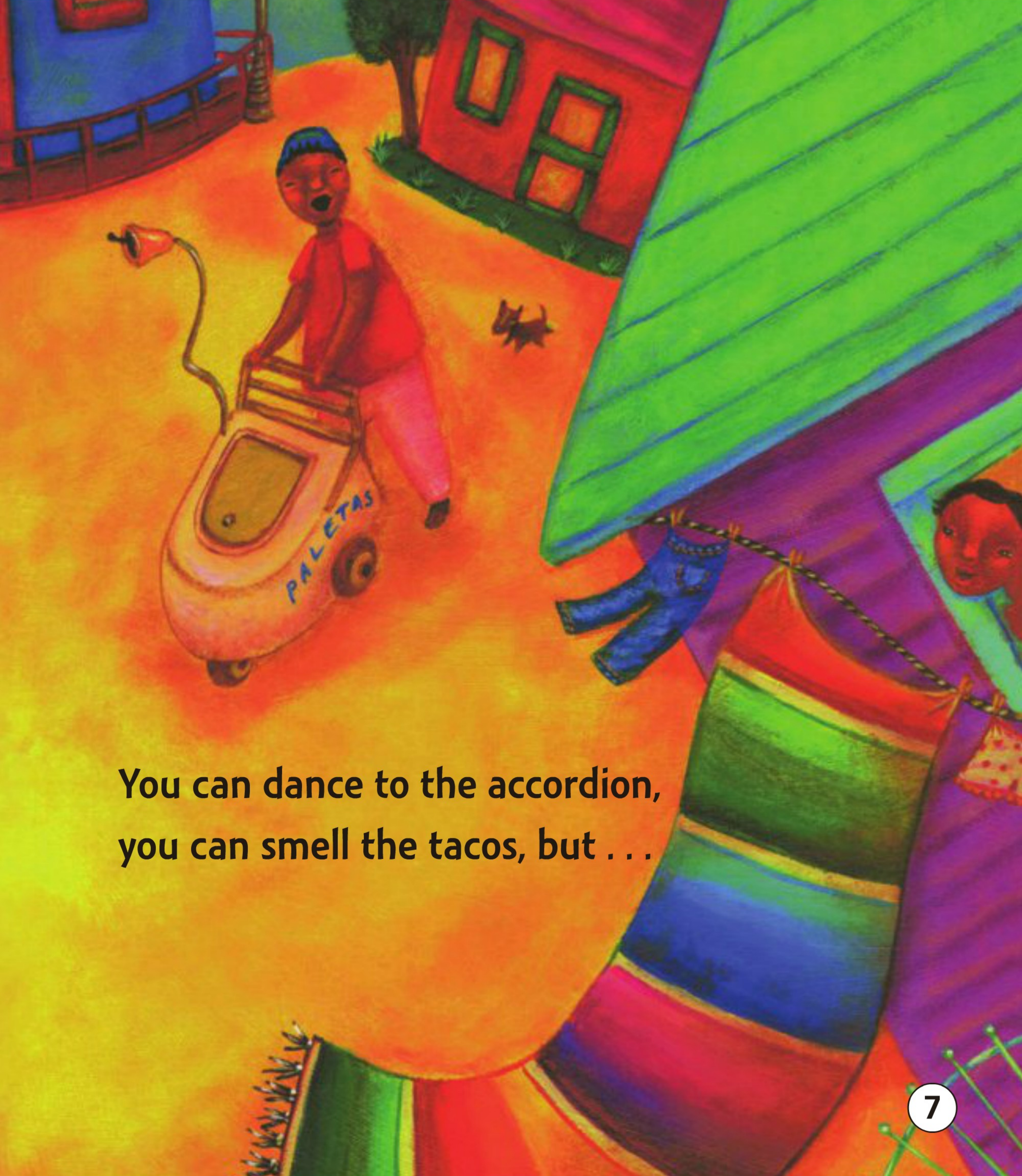


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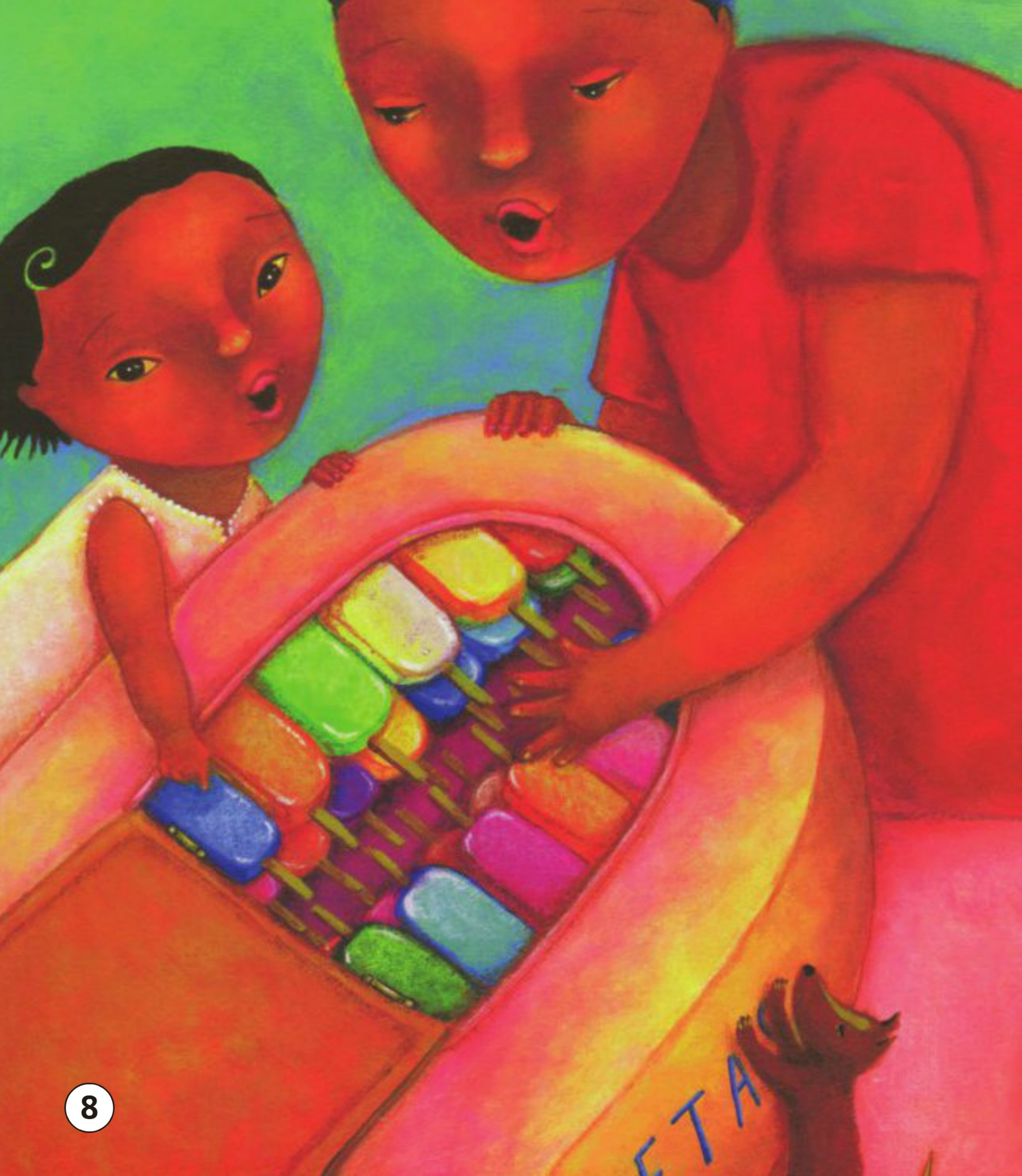


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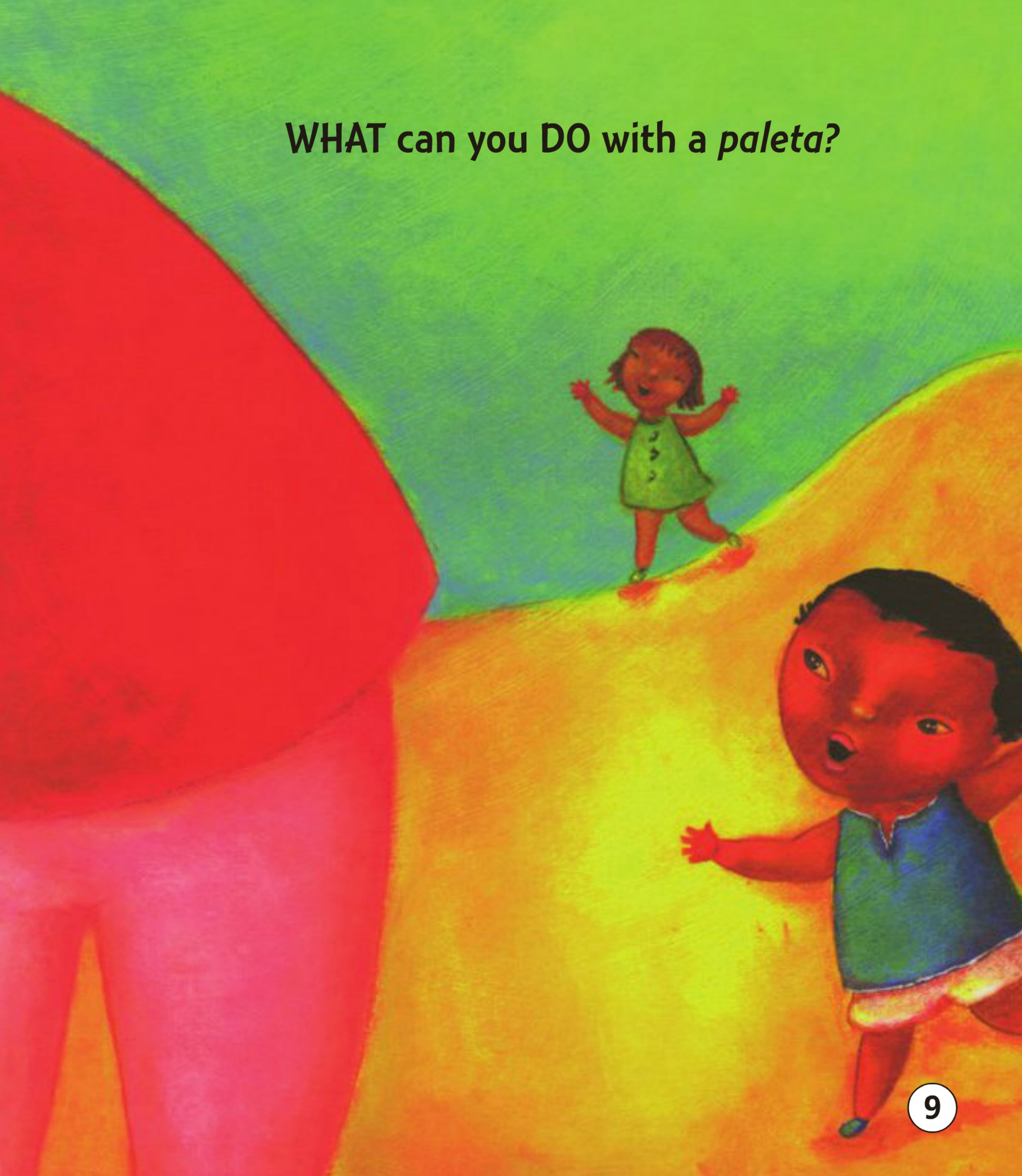
THAT'S my *barrío*!



**You can dance to the accordion,
you can smell the tacos, but . . .**



WHAT can you DO with a *paleta*?





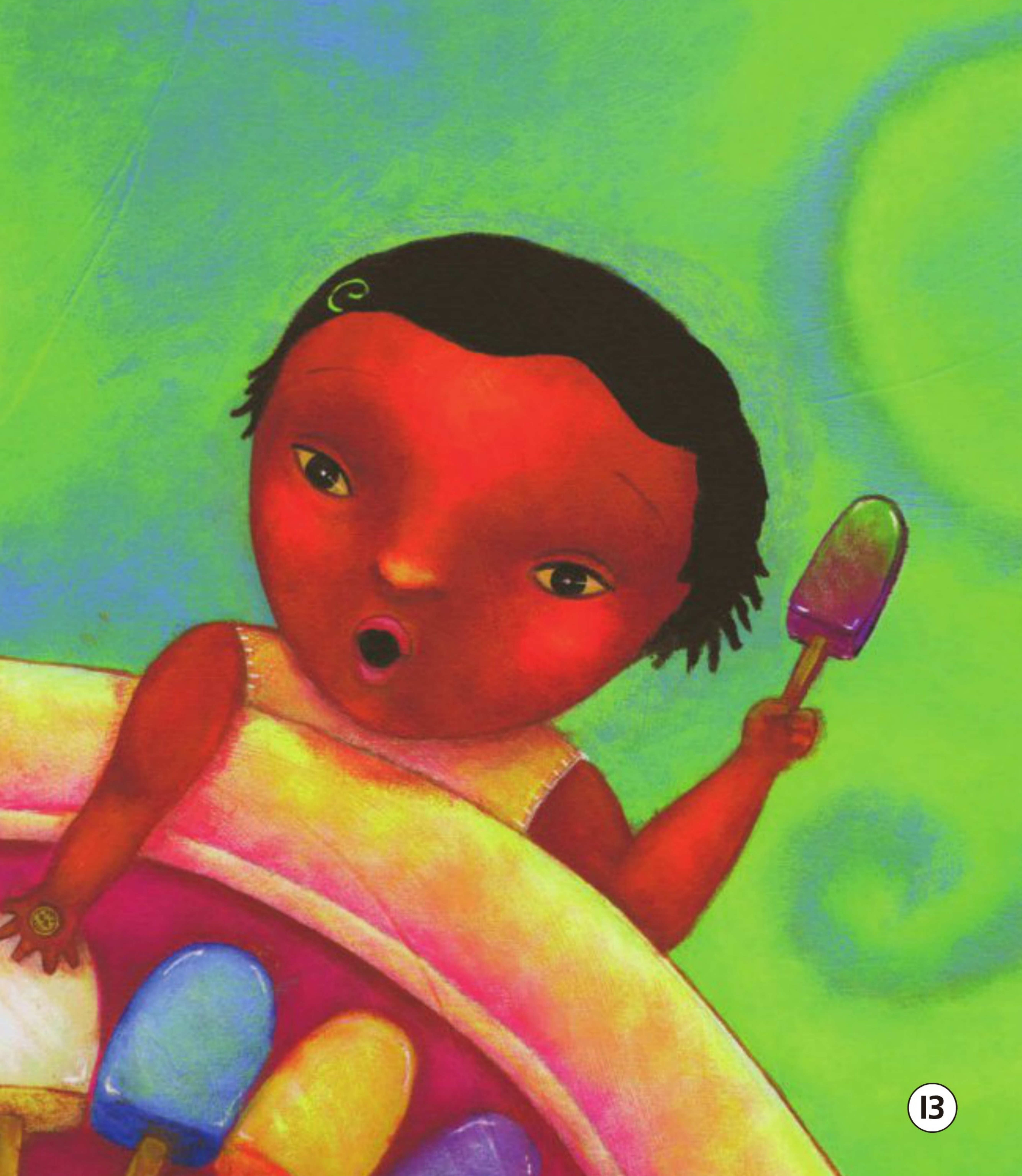
You can paint your tongue purple and green,

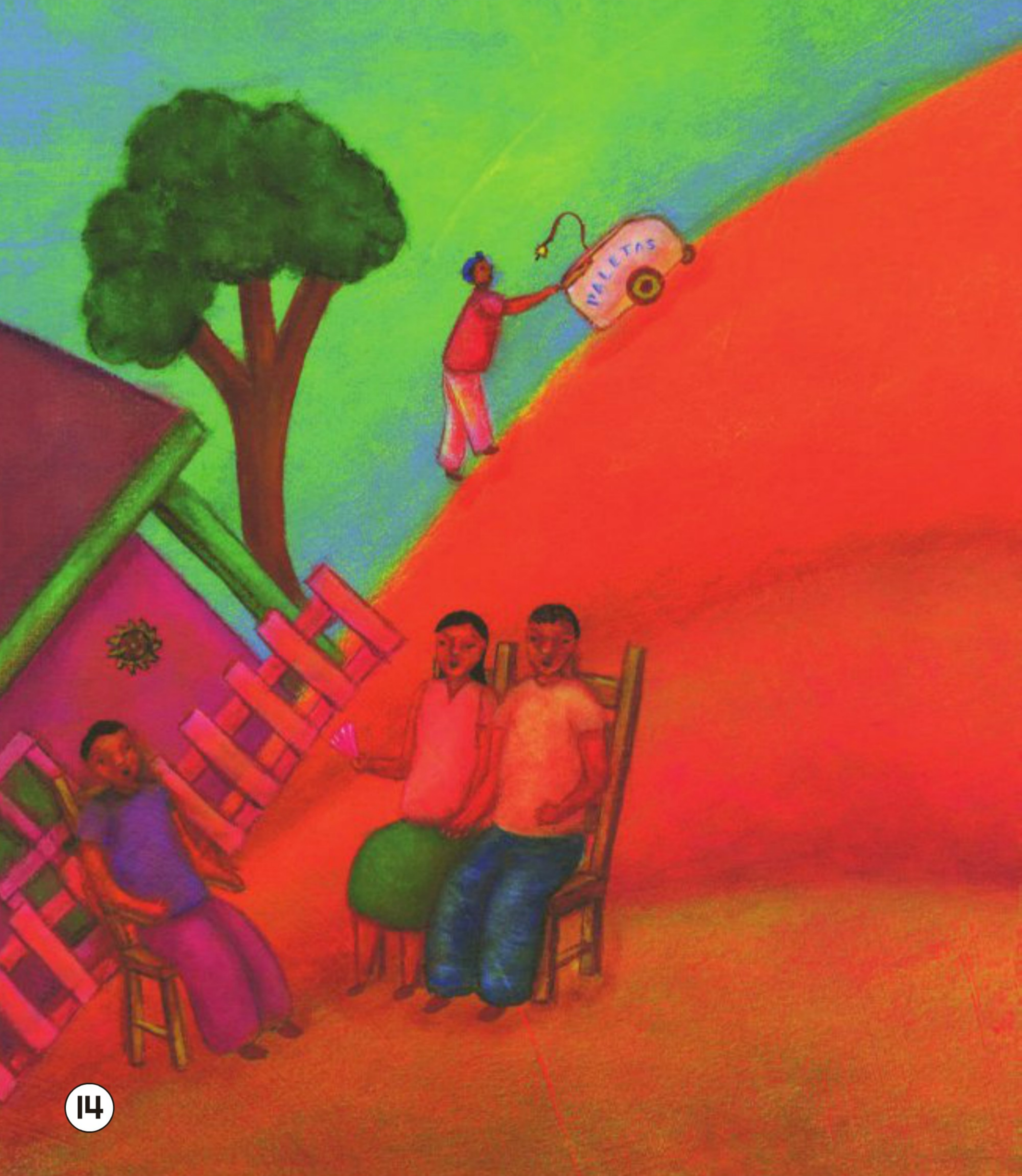


and scare your brother!

**Or maybe learn to make tough decisions.
Strawberry? Or coconut?**

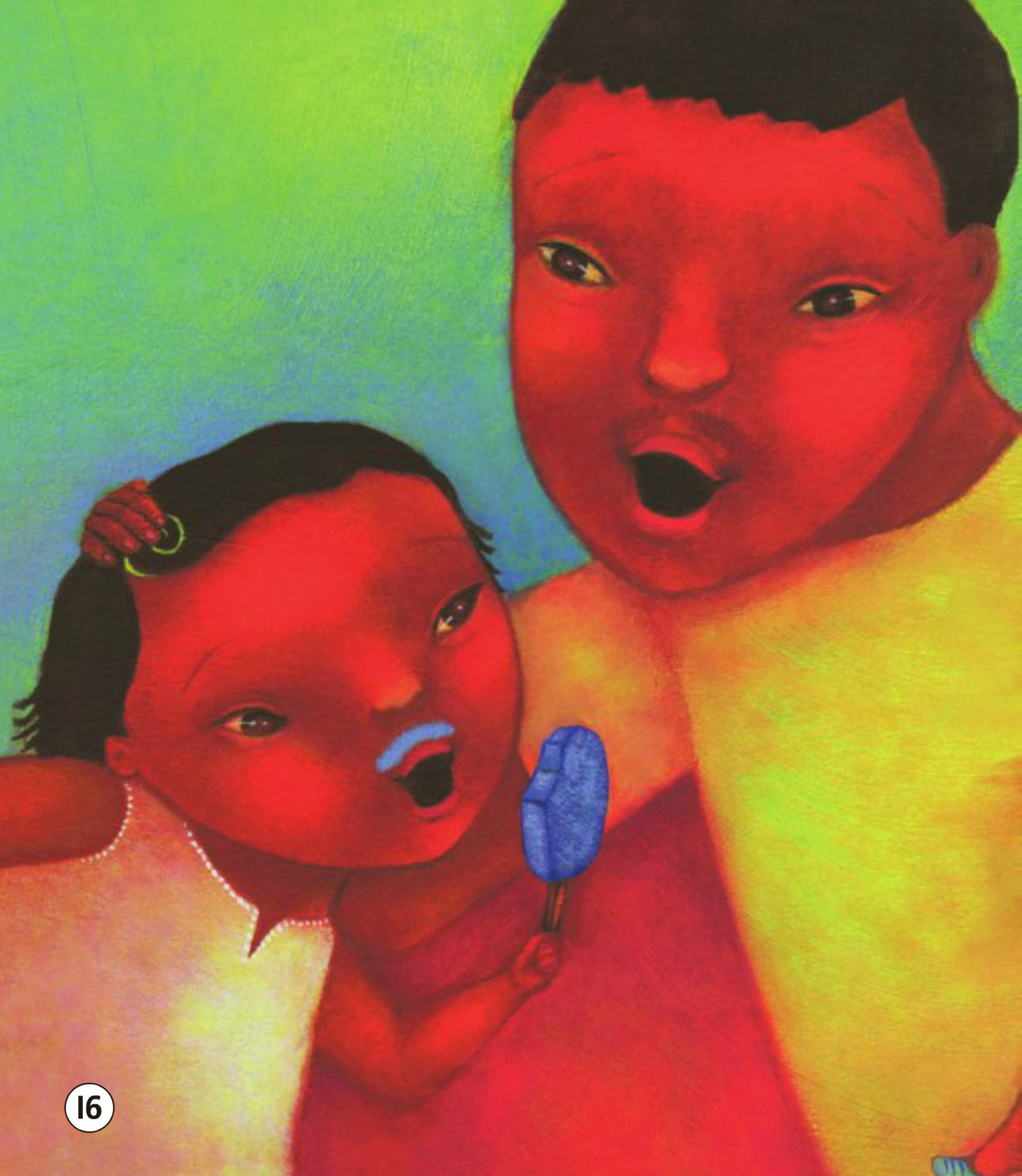






You can make new friends,



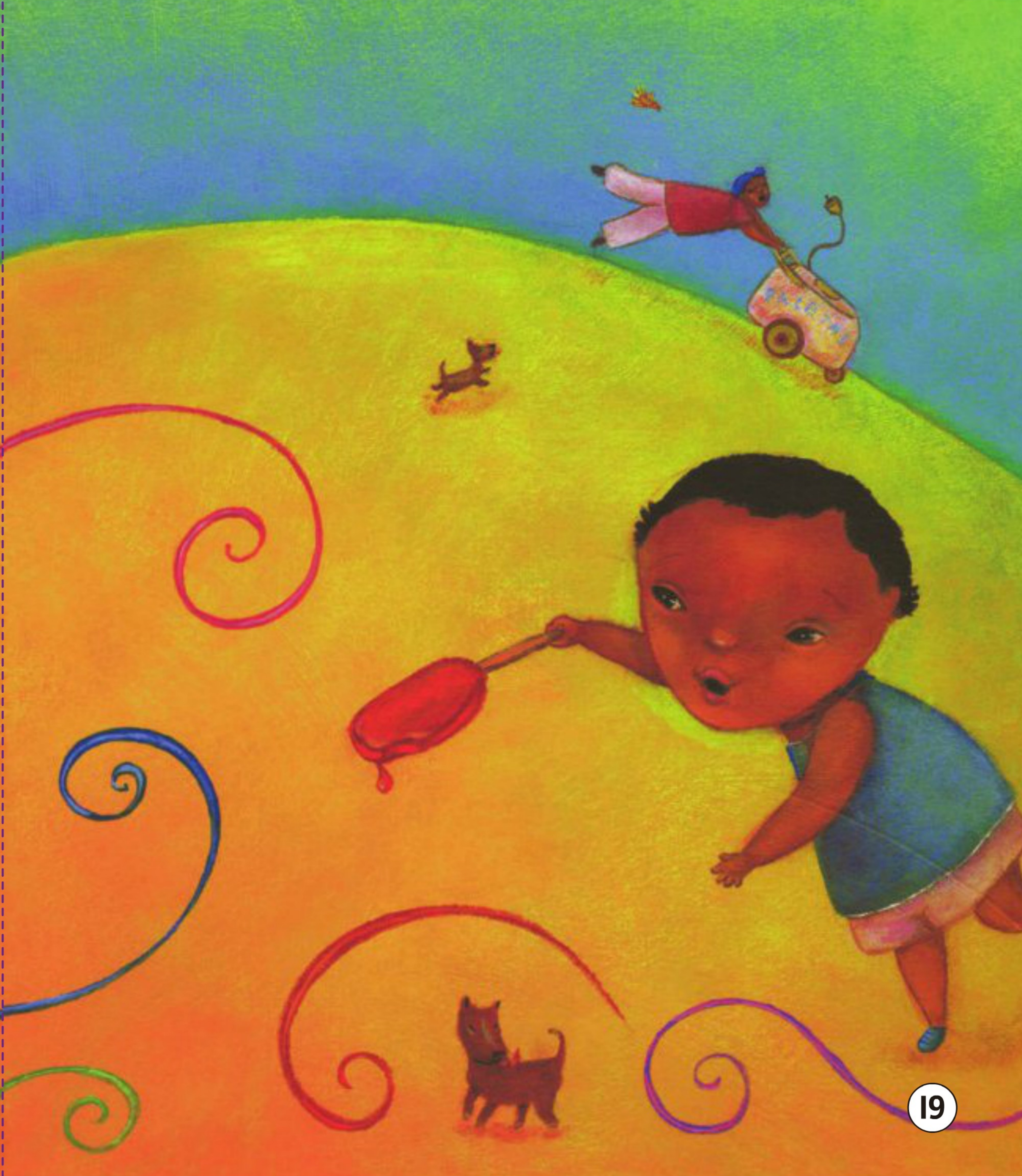


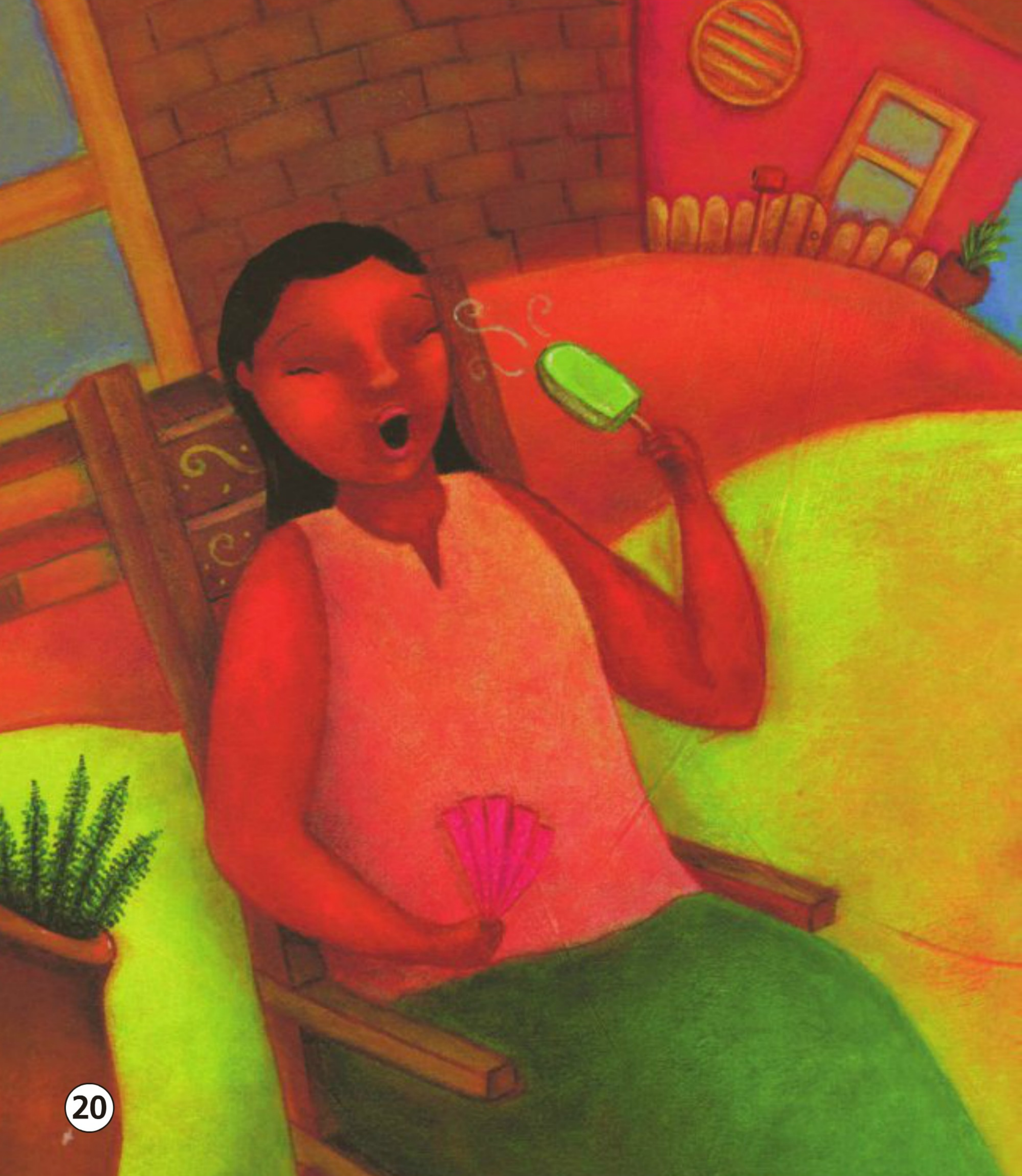
give yourself a big, blue mustache,

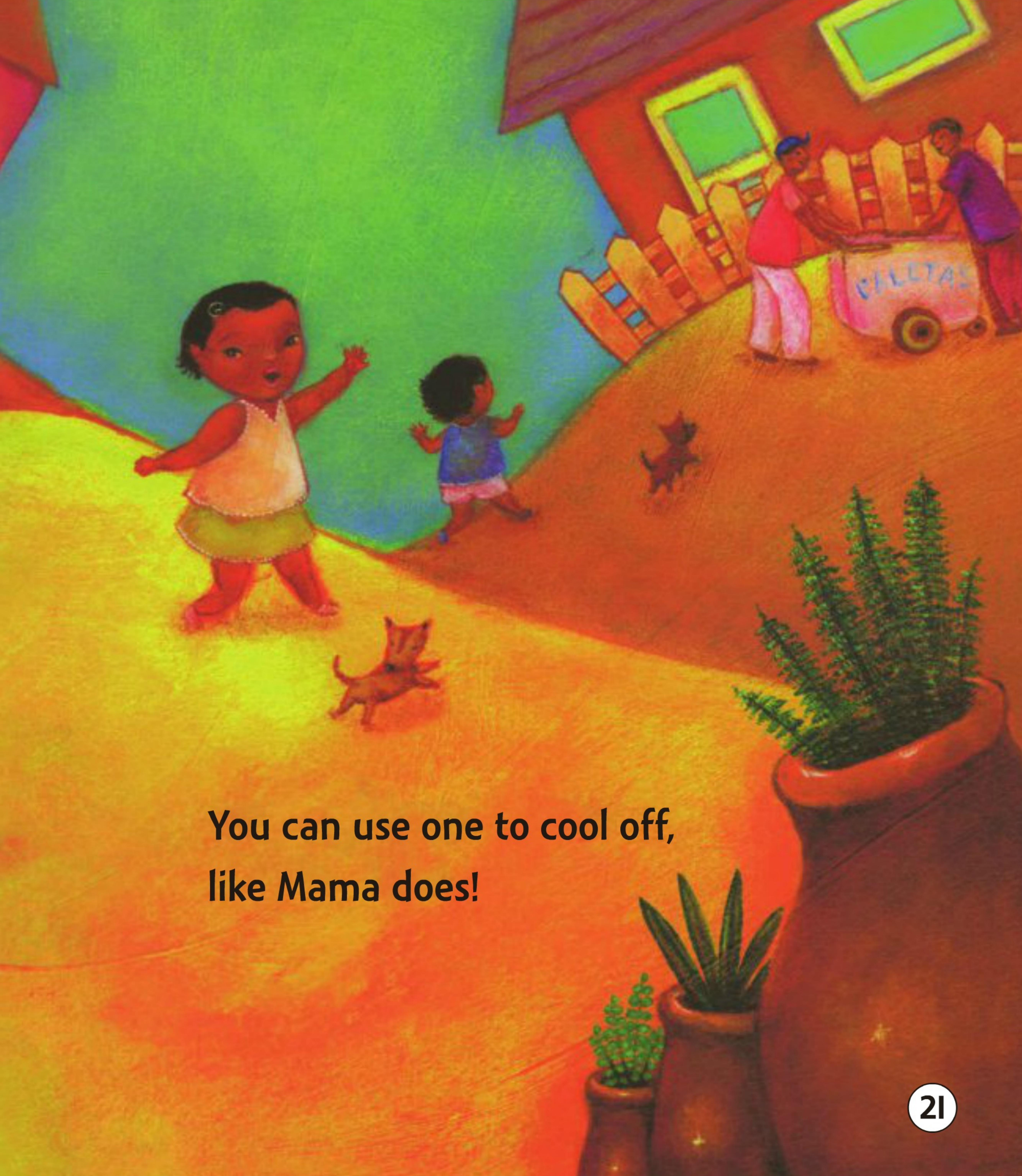


or create a masterpiece!

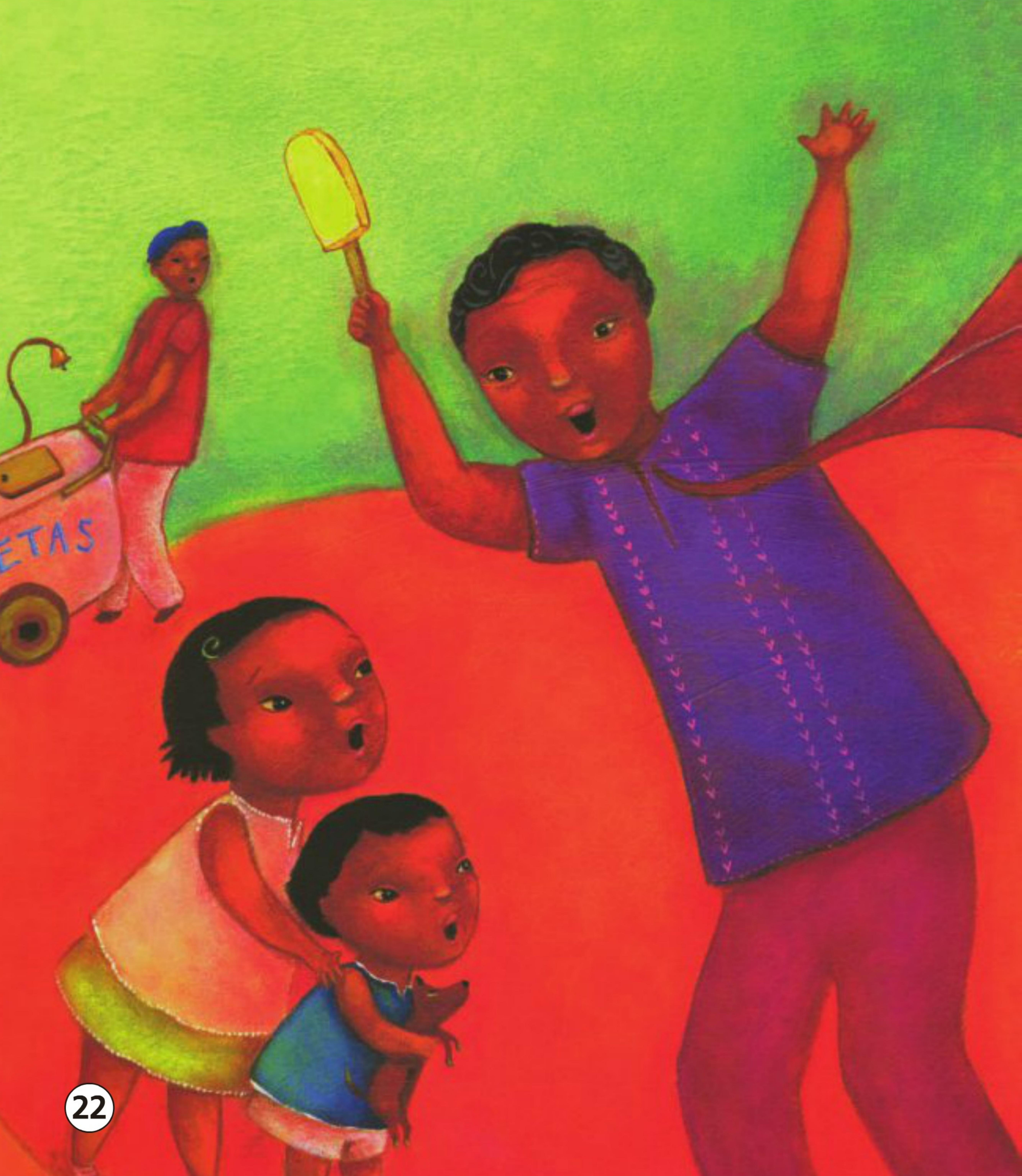








**You can use one to cool off,
like Mama does!**

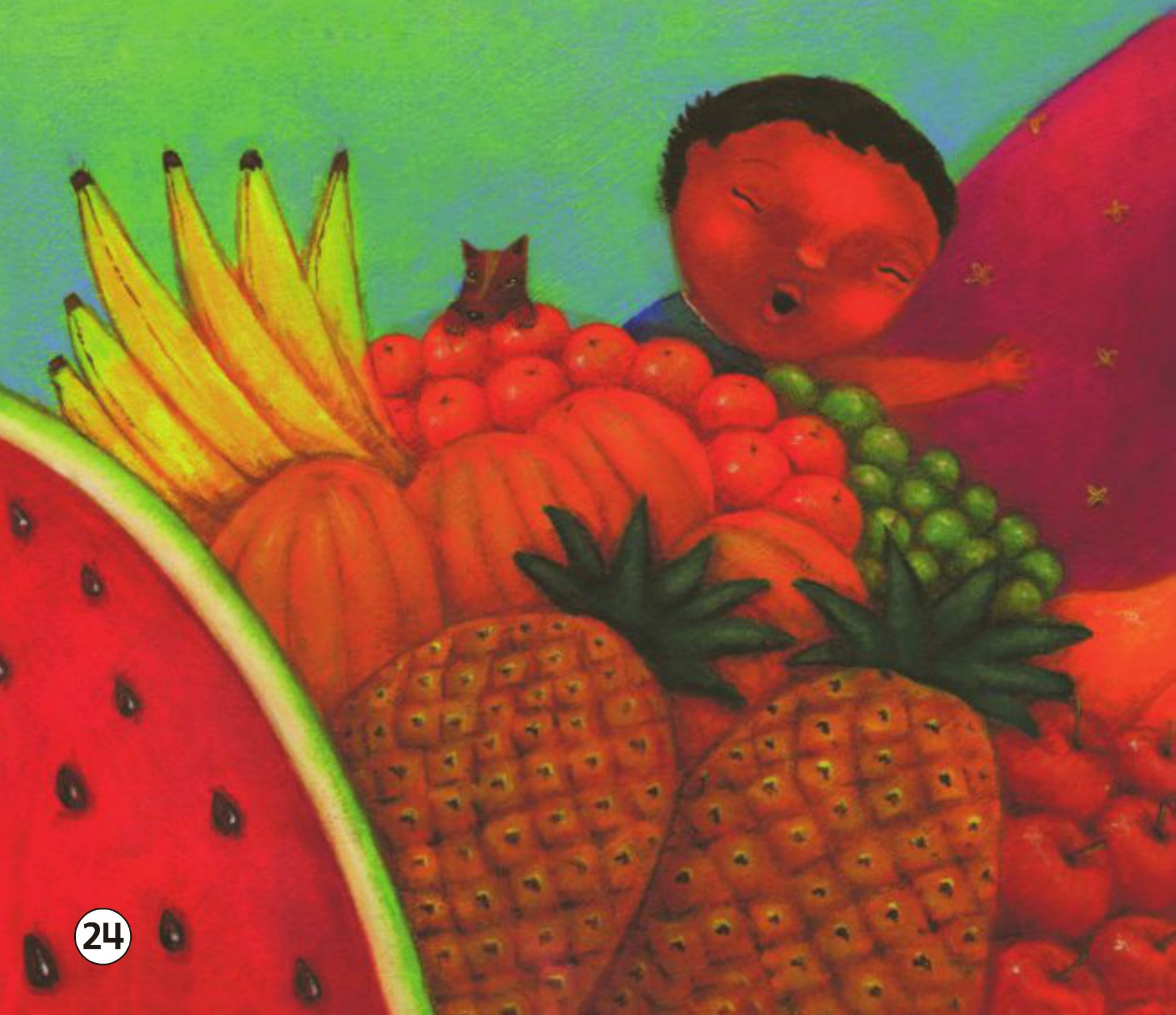


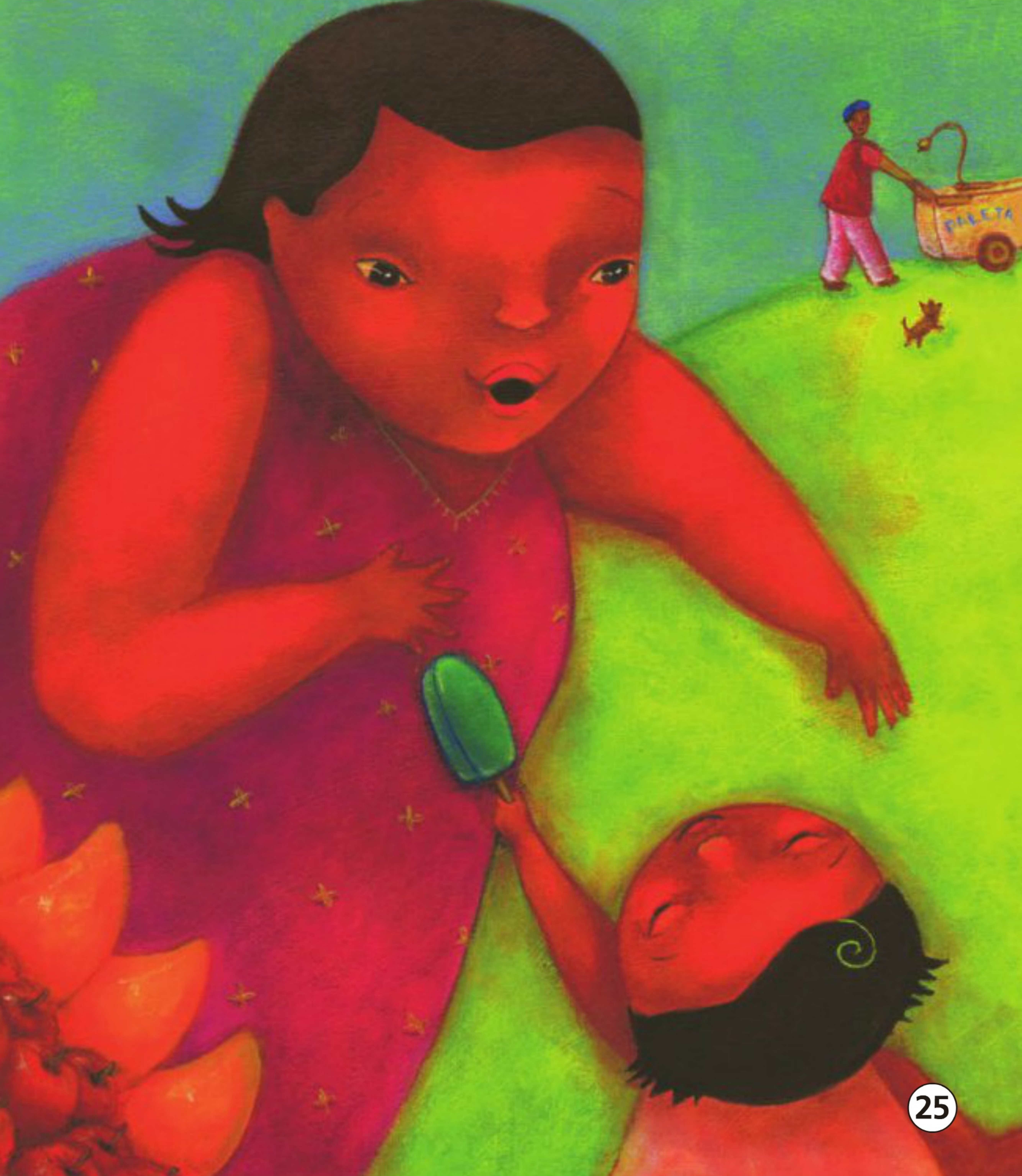


**Tío once won a baseball game
by offering one to the batter
(right when the ball was being pitched!).**

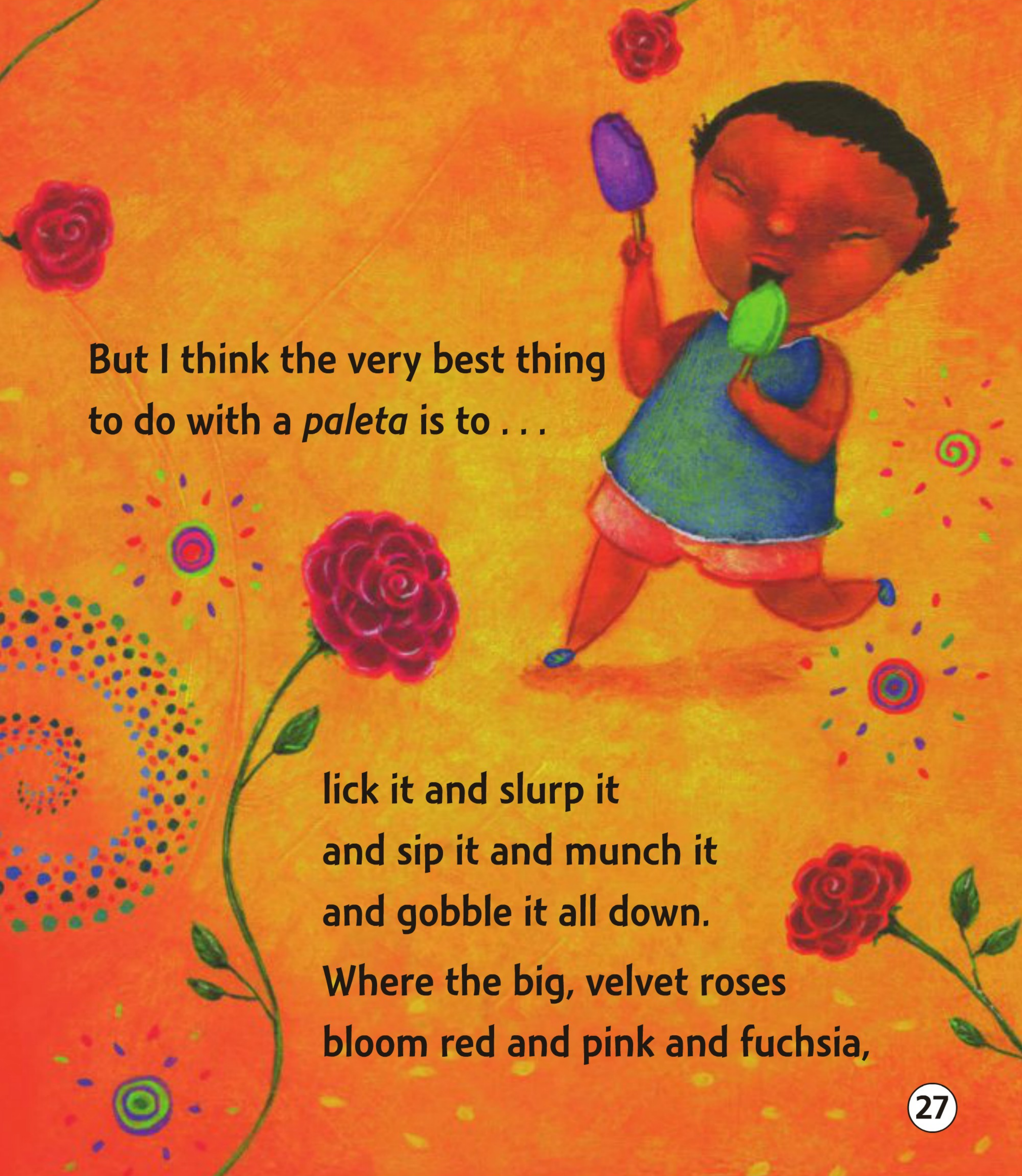


You can help the *señora* at the fruit stand make it through a long, hard day.





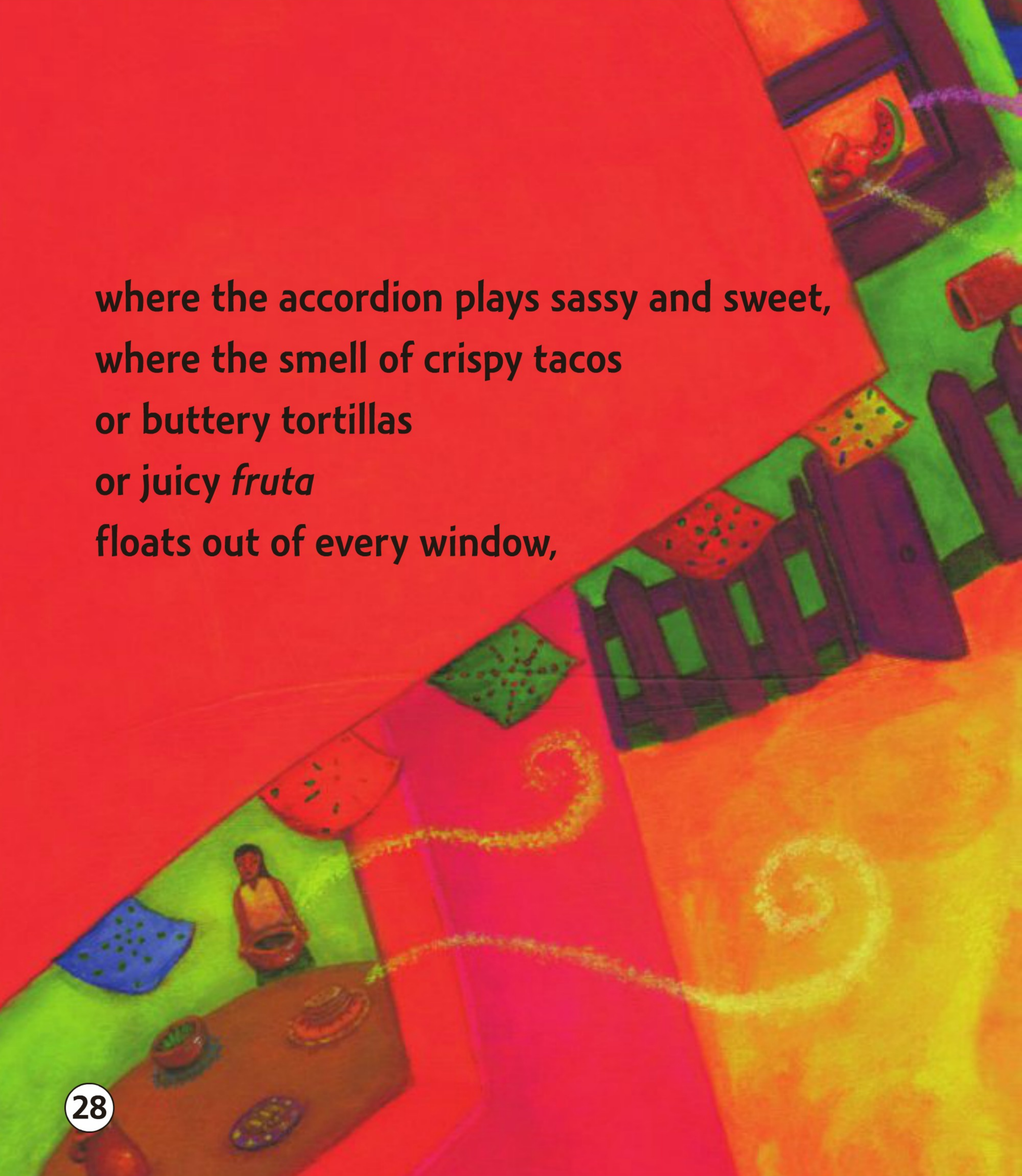


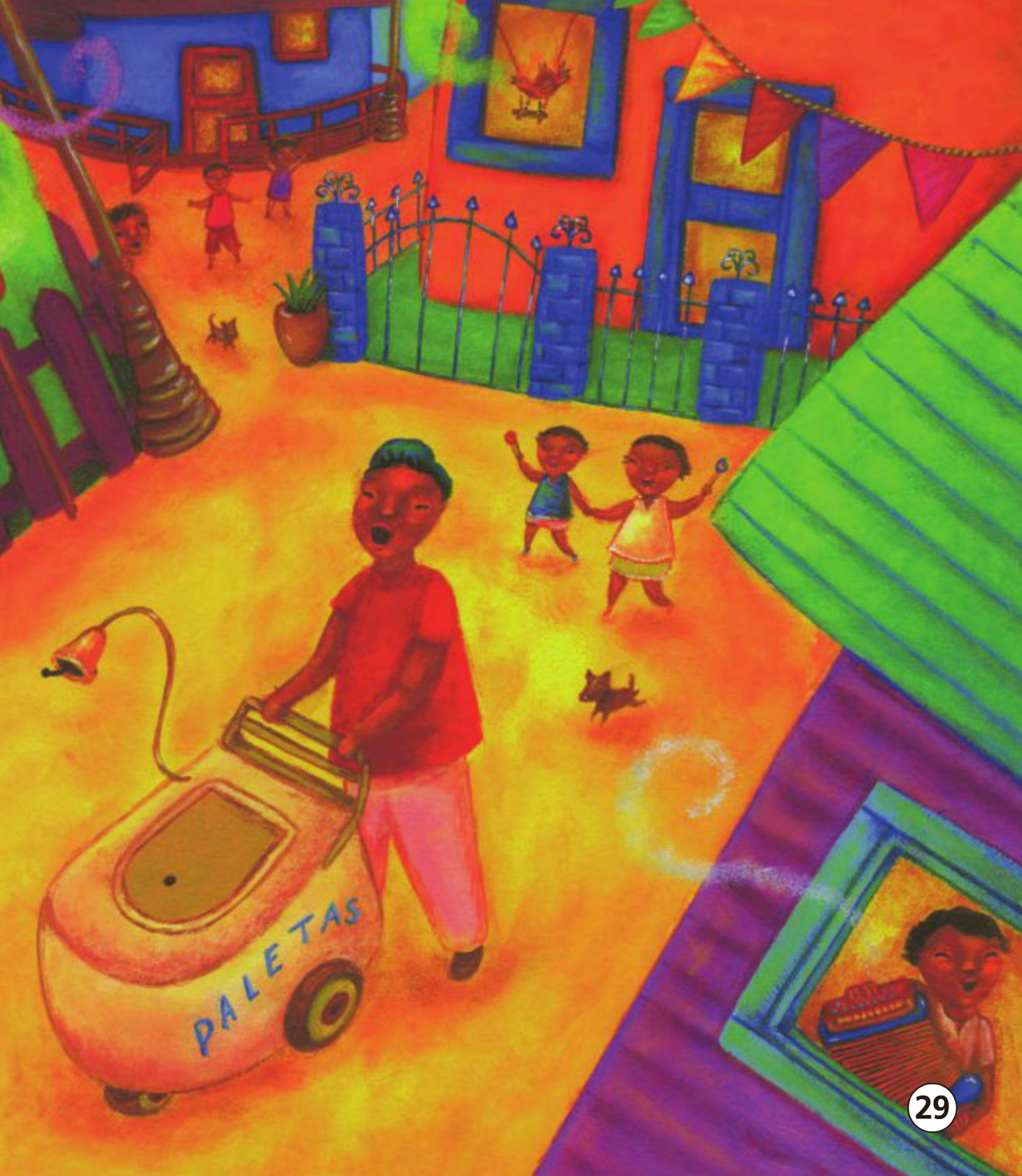


But I think the very best thing
to do with a *paleta* is to . . .

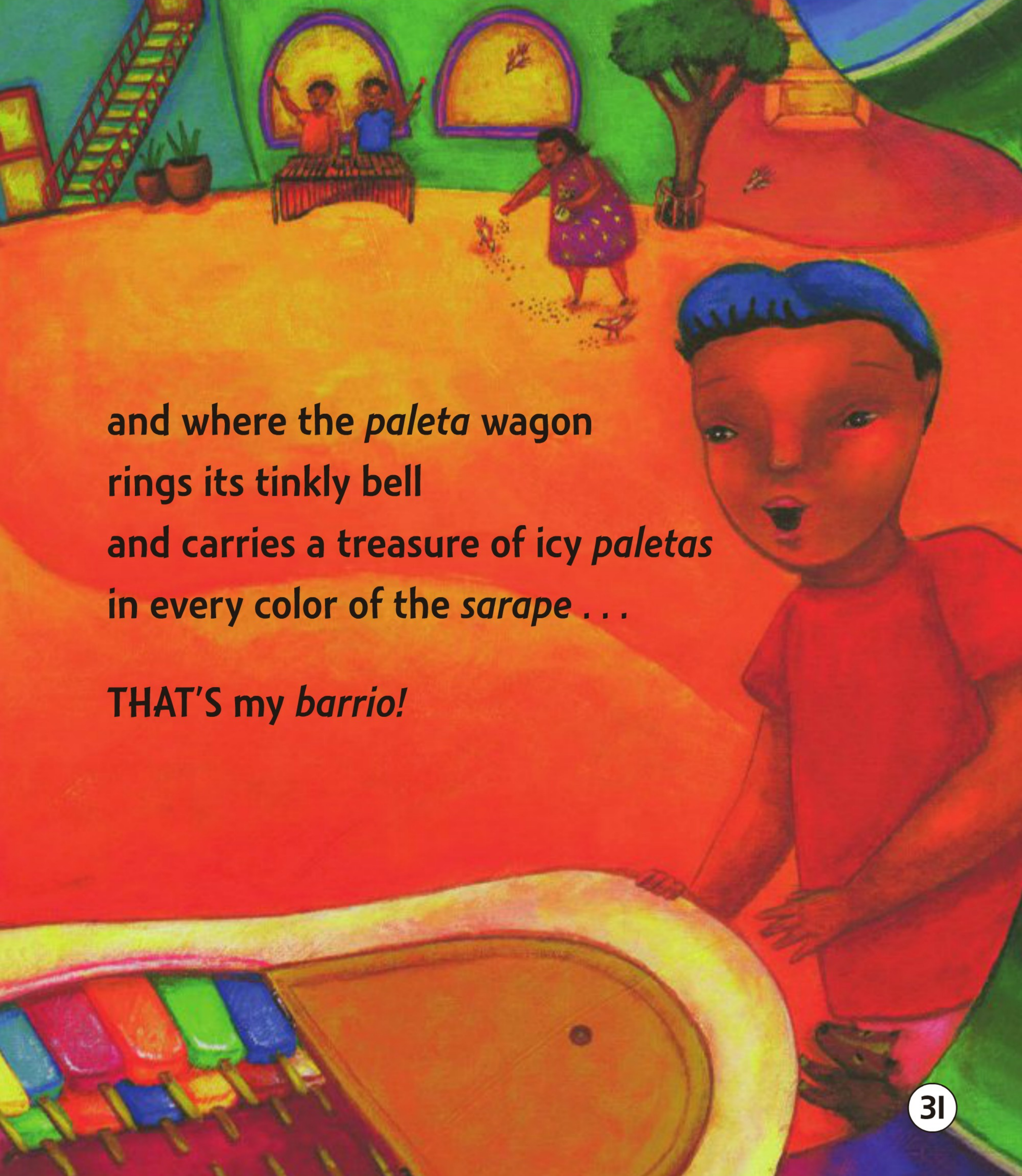
lick it and slurp it
and sip it and munch it
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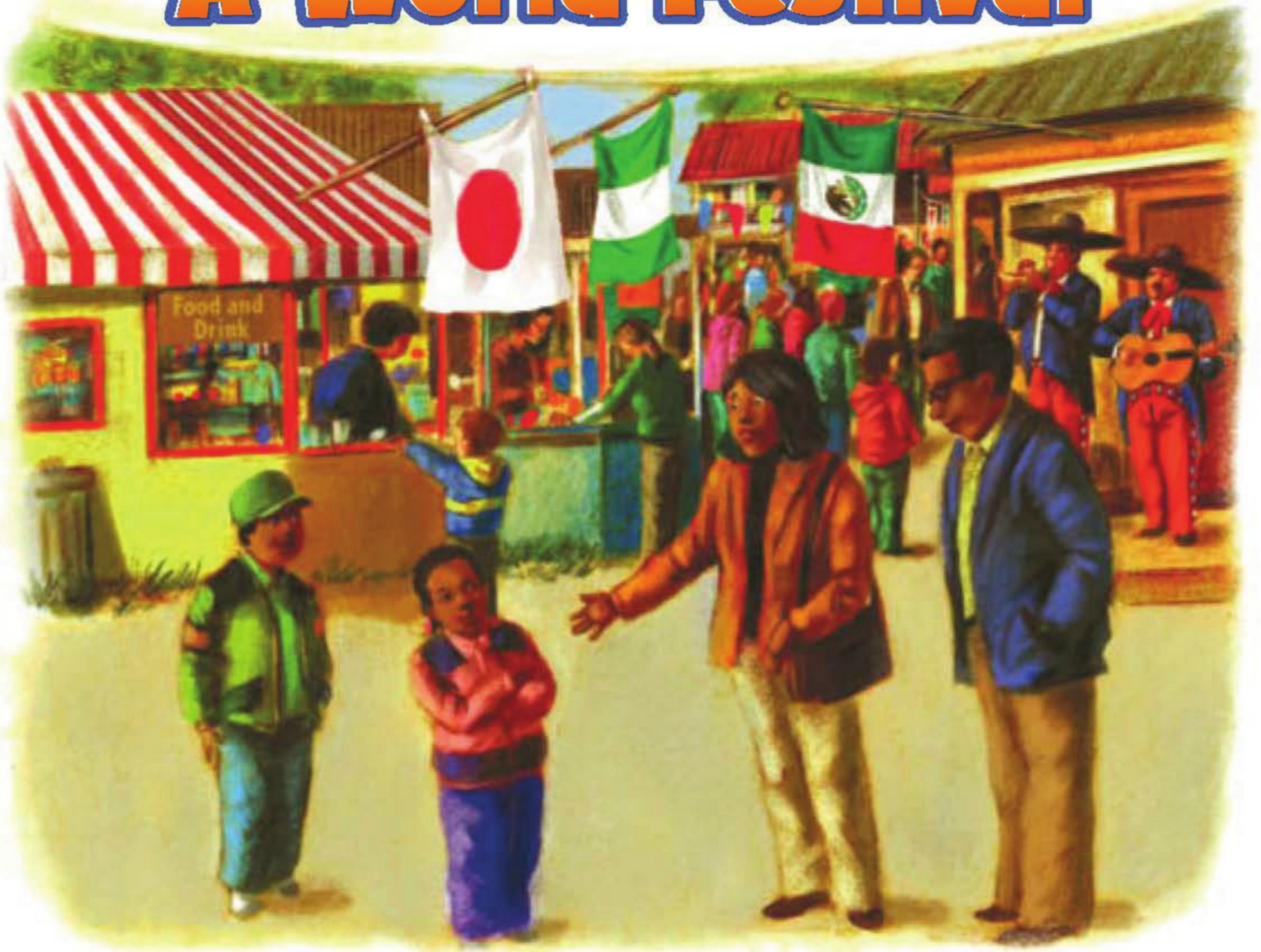
ABOUT PALETAS

A much-anticipated event in any Latino *barrio* ("neighborhood") is the arrival of the *paleta* wagon. The *paleta* man comes pushing his cart down the street, tinkling a bell and shouting, "*Pale-ta-a-a-as!*" for everyone to hear. The wagon carries sweet, juicy, ice-cold *paletas* made from all-natural, healthy ingredients.

Paletas come in lime, coconut, pecan, mango, banana, kiwi, strawberry, watermelon, guava, chocolate, *horchata*, *jamaica*, tamarind, pineapple, vanilla, and more.

Which is YOUR favorite?

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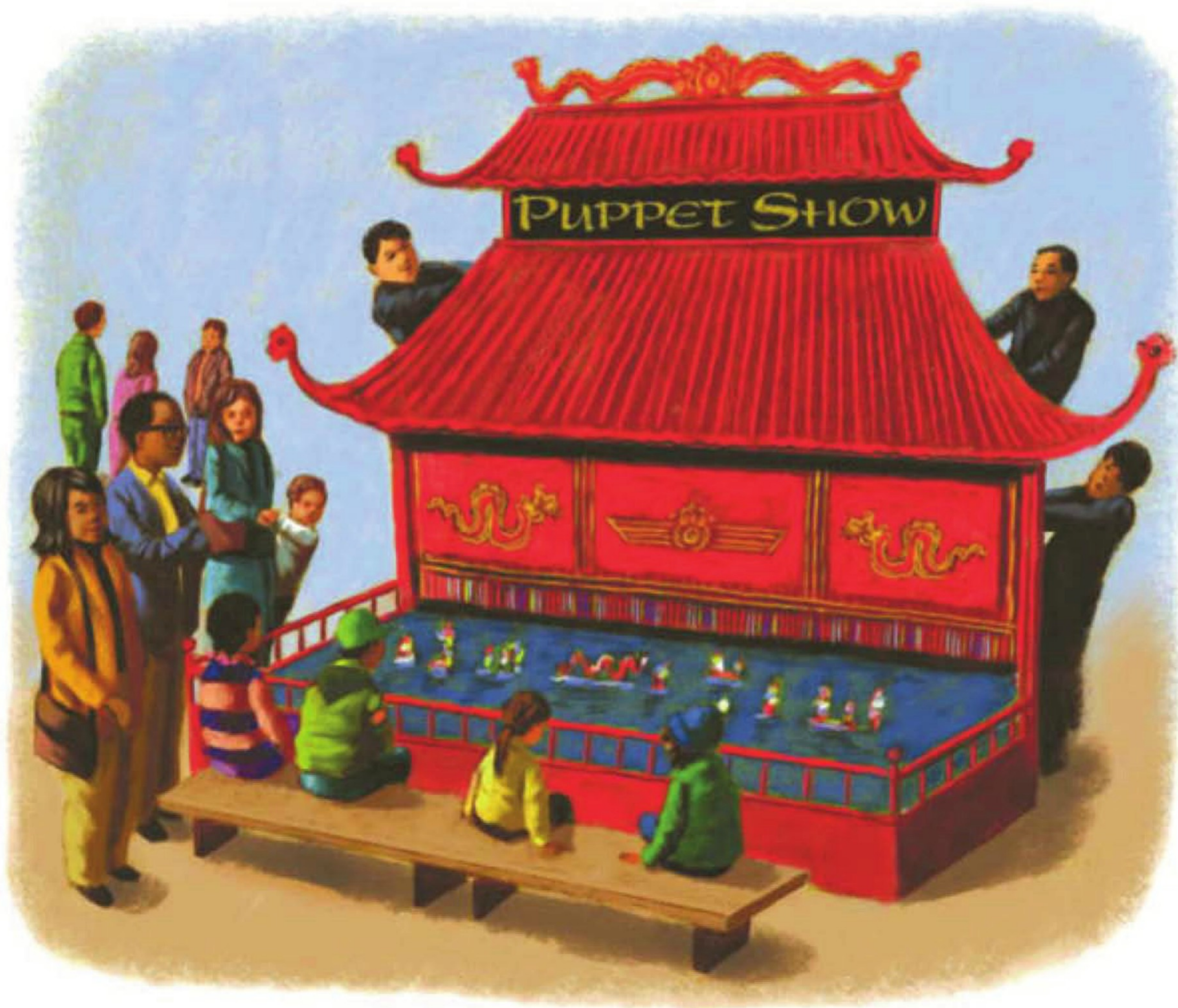
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Kyla stops to watch a sculptor from Africa.
He carves a mask out of wood.
The sculptor is careful as he works.
Kyla appreciates his masks.



Kyla discovers a puppet show.
Puppets move with rods and strings.
The puppets dance across water.
The puppets act out a story from Vietnam.



Kyla hears trumpets.
A band plays a Mexican song.
Everyone dances and claps to the music.
Kyla and her brother do not want to leave.
“Can we come again next year?” Kyla asks.

Respond to Reading

Show the Big Book and prompt children to retell the story in their own words.

Ask children:

- What is a paleta?
 - What are two flavors paletas come in?
 - What are three things you can do with paletas?
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About the Author: Carmen Tafolla

Carmen Tafolla has written stories, poetry, and more for both adults and children. She has written in English and in Spanish and sometimes uses both languages in the same book! She believes that children can find beauty and hope no matter where they live.

About the Illustrator: Magaly Morales

Born in Mexico, Magaly Morales loved to play sports as a girl. She also loved drawing and painting. She loved sports and art so much that she has had jobs in both areas! To this day, she and her family still live in Mexico.

